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The role of the National Photographic Interpretation Center in supporting future intelligence collection programs has become a subject of immediate concern because of projected increases in operating costs. These projections were the subject of a 16 June 1965 NPIC "White Paper" entitled "The Role of Imagery Exploitation in Fulfilling the Intelligence Objectives of the 1960's and 1970's." The report concluded, inter alia, that anticipated technological advances in reconnaissance systems will necessitate "a significantly expanded exploitation capability, notably in terms of people and funds, particularly for continued research and development."

NPIC forecast a need by 1970 for a personnel strength of [] and an annual budget of about []. This was based primarily upon the following factors:

- a) an increasing volume of film to be handled;
- b) improvements in ground resolution;
- c) experience factors relating to presently operational systems;
- d) estimates of the impact of systems now under development whose design parameters are known.

The 13 June 1965 Inspector General's report on the Center suggests that these figures may well be conservative, since the forecast concerned itself only with the impact of certain major

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